ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

THE SELECTMEN,

TREASURER,

OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

THE TOWN OF GILFORD,

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1874.

LAKE VILLAGE, N. H. :
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TREASURER
AND
SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Cr.

Received Cash in Treasury March 1, 1873,	$6,432 65	
Collector's list for 1873	27,444 95	
Bonds on deposit to Cr. of Town March 1, 1873	23,300 00	
1873, July, Int. on Bonds from State,	555 00	
1874, Jan. Int. on Bonds from State,	555 00	
Savings Bank Tax	2,809 62	
Railroad Tax	503 80	
Literary Fund	230 42	
Insurance Tax	15 00	
Literary Money from Town	33 60	
Of John J. Morrill Agent of Town	812 71	
Bounty claims from State	648 00	
From Bonds sold	5,793 38	
Arthur Tucker for plank	7 00	
Circus License	10 00	
Thomas Ham collector for 1872	518 83	
R. H. Sanborn collector for 1872	67 44	
Thos. Weeks abatements col. 1858	2 57	
Thos. Weeks " 1866	23 00	
R. H. Sanborn " 1872	12 56	
Thomas Ham " 1872	81 17	
Benj. Wadley " 1871	14 73	
Benj. Wadley " 1871	14 27	
On notes	12,051 90	
Of Thos. E. Hunt abat. col. 1868	34 17	
Of M. V. B. Eaton for wood	4 00	
Of John P. Davis overpay on highway	1 00	
		$81,976 77

DR.

Paid State Tax	$4,110 00	
County Tax	4,295 21	
		$8,405 21

School Orders.

School District No. 1	$115 36	
No. 2	64 31	
No. 3	85 03	
No. 4	1227 33	
No. 5	115 35	
No. 6	86 54	
No. 7	114 30	
No. 8	170 08	
No. 9	117 00	
No. 10	136 46	
No. 11	58 70	
No. 12	107 61	
No. 13	854 89	
No. 14	69 72	
		$3,322 68

School and School House Taxes.

School District No. 4, extra school tax	$500 00	
No. 10, school house tax	50 00	
No. 13, "	200 00	
		$750 00
Simon Rowe treas. of Ministerial fund	$48 00	
Simon Rowe treas. Literary fund	33 60	
		$81 60

Highways and Bridges.

Geo. H. Robie material and building abutment at Lake Village	$550 00	
W. Ladd paint and timber at Lake Village	15 42	
C. A. Young building highway at Laconia	131 50	
C. A. Young Lumber	10 00	
Samuel W. Sanders Lumber	4 00	
Davis & Wadleigh Lumber at L. Village	238 32	
Geo. W. Sanders Lumber	93 95	
Geo. W. Sanders "	166 30	

Geo. W. Sanders "	120 16	
G. S. Perkins paint L. Village bridge.....	6 00	
J. C. Pickering labor on bridge at L. Village	119 95	
A. Tucker " " "	12 12	
Cole Manf'g Co., iron, shingle, &c.....	57 67	
G. Cook, lumber.....	199 42	
Mason Copp, lumber.....	58 87	
		$1,783 68

Town Officers' Bills.

Auditor's bill. 1873.....	$9 00	
Simon Rowe Selectman 1872.....	11 00	
S. C. Kimball School Committee 1872....	9 25	
B. W. Chase School Committee 1873.....	127 52	
Warren L. Thompson Town Clerk.....	48 63	
James L. Dixon Collector 1873.....	107 00	
James M. Ward " "	90 00	
Isaac Morrill " "	90 00	
Jonathan L. Moore Selectmen.....	146 00	
Arthur Tucker "	131 50	
Martin V. B. Eaton "	97 50	
S. S. Ayer services as treas. use of team and cash paid,.....	100 00	
		$967 40

To Paid Soldiers under Act Passed July 1872.

George F. Weeks.....	$103 00
Daniel Gilman for Erastus E. Gilman.....	103 00
Daniel H. Rowe.....	103 00
D. S. Prescott for Cassius E. Weeks.....	100 00
Hazen P. Weeeks.....	103 00
Hazen P. Weeks for C. H. Chester.....	103 00
Charles G. Corliss.....	98 00
N. Richardson for D. A. Corliss.....	103 00
J. P. Smith jr. for Orrin Weeks.....	103 00
Andrew J. Buzzell.....	103 00
H. N. Clogston.....	103 00
Morrill Thyng for Geo. P. Thyng.....	103 00

H. P. Weeks for E. P. Pettengill.....	106 00	
Charles O. Hunter.....	103 00	
		$1437 00

Abatements for 1873.

James L. Dixon Coll. Book 1873.....	$187 45	
Isaac Morrill " "	86 16	
James M. Ward " "	56 57	
		$330 18

Miscellaneous Bills.

S. B. Cole, water trough 1872.....	$3 00
Geo. C. Rollins, services at pest-house,....	29 50
Thomas Weeks damage to sheep by dogs..	48 00
James M. Drake damage to hens by dogs..	3 00
Simon Rowe horse hire and cash paid.....	9 70
Simon Rowe articles for pest-house.....	16 11
Abner Moses damage to horse.....	24 00
Henry Beau damage to sleigh.....	3 00
William Weeks culvert stone.....	13 10
John J. Bennett "	12 00
Wm. T. Batchelder "	18 10
Morrill & Silsby, stationery.....	75
Morrill & Silsby, "	14 63
C. H. Roberts copy of record of soldiers...	8 00
T. S. Foster services in small pox cases...	23 05
W. L. Melcher land damage at Laconia vill	11 00
W. L. Melcher " "	100 00
S. K. Baldwin " "	10 00
Priscilla Watson " "	12 00
Joseph H. Watson " "	12 00
Frank J. Osgood " "	20 00
H. A. Davis " "	75 00
H. A. Davis " "	12 00
M. A. Bowman " "	11 00
E. A. Bailey " "	12 00
N. J. Edgerly " "	12 00
H. G. Richardson " "	45 00
Mary Dearborn bedding for pest-house.....	15 00
J. L. Pearsons covering stone.....	6 30
Niagara Engine Co. Lake Village.....	450 00

S. B. Smith overtax 1873	4 80
Simon Rowe treas. lit. and ministerial fund	1 00
Jas. H. Tilton & Co., spikes	3 79
A. C. James overtax 1873	2 40
S. S. Wiggin service Dis. No. 8	3 00
George Sleeper, damage to wagon	5 75
John P. Smith water trough 1872–3	3 00
Simeon Whiting Police bill	45 75
O. H. Key, counsel	6 50
M. V. B. Eaton, wood for town house	3 64
Isaac L. Foss, Police	10 00
Martin A. Haynes, printing reports	61 00
H. H. Taylor, damage to sleigh, etc.	5 50
C. W. Pickering & Co. articles in small-pox cases	2 52
A. Tucker, services and cash paid in small-pox cases	11 24
M. A. Haynes, printing tax bills	7 50
J. M. Ward, land damage	100 00
A. L. Morrison, teams for Leg. Committee	14 00
D. B. Story, board of "	8 25
Geo. S. Perkins, painting lobby at Lake Vil.	10 61
Tappan & Mugridge, services before Legislative committee on division of town	250 00
E. G. Locke, painting guide boards	19 50
Niagara Engine Co	43 50
Manley Munsey, cleaning town house	2 00
J. W. George, covering stone	2 00
J. W. George, water trough	1 50
J. J. Morrill, tan furnished highway	13 67
B. F. Parker, culvert stone	23 40
Wm. P. Blaisdell, guide board rods	1 70
D. C. Batchelder, services as Sheriff	6 49
E. A. Hibbard, counsel	8 50
N. W. Gilman, water trough	1 50
I. B. Glidden, " 1872–3	3 00
M. P. Thompson, "	1 50
Mrs. S. Elkins, "	1 50
J. H. Bartlett, damage to team	25 00
Torrent Engine Co	45 00

B. Q. Jewett, damage to sheep.....	4 00
C. A. Young, culvert stone.....	22 00
Hook & Ladder Co., Laconia.....	16 50
L. S. Perley, surveying.....	3 00
J. Edwards, building culverts and stone....	30 50
True W. Lougee, culvert stone.....	4 50
Arthur Potter, damage to team.....	30 00
C. H. Rowe, land damage.....	11 00
G. H. Everett, damage to sleigh.....	5 00
Asa Fowler, council.....	5 00
Joseph Flanders, damage.....	1 50
Torrent Engine Co.....	450 00
John R. J. Folsom, culvert stone.....	7 20
John J. Morrill, services and cash paid in suit of town with Lake Co.....	84 25
J. M. Weeks, building 2 culverts No. 28..	19 70
H. Bugbee & Sons, nails, paint &c.....	52 95
E. G. Locke, painting guide boards.....	3 00
Plummer Davis, culvert stone.....	7 68
Robie, Rust & Co., covering stone.....	63 45
Whitney & Dwinnells, horse hire.....	35 00
H. F. Rublee, culverts.....	57 10
H. F. Rublee, repairing lobby.....	50
B. F. Parker, overtax 1873.....	1 13
G. H. Everett, hotel bill Leg. Committee..	39 00
D. F. & J. C. Moore, med. serv. small-pox	10 00
T. F. Bunker, bedding furnished in small-pox	6 00
Thomas Ham, surveying and making plan of town.....	13 00
Munsey & Eaton, articles for pest house...	7 07
M. A. Haynes, printing check lists.....	13 50
R. H. Sanborn, abat. on coll. book 1872...	12 56
Thomas Weeks, " " 1858...	2 57
Thomas Weeks, " " 1866...	23 00
Thomas Ham, " " 1872...	81 17
Benjamin Wadley, " " 1871...	14 73
Thomas E. Hunt, " " 1868...	34 17
George W. Munsey, board of Selectmen...	77 47
Munsey & Eaton, stationery.....	40
J. C. Morrill, water trough 1872-3.....	3 00

M. V. B. Eaton, use of team and cash paid	12 95	
H. H. Sleeper, bal. on account of Lake Co.	162 68	
M. V. B. Eaton, board bill	20 50	
A. Tucker, make and record precinct tax	12 00	
Arthur Tucker, to cash paid	10 45	
Samuel J. Twombly, Police	17 75	
John Edwards, police	25 00	
Jewell & Smith, counsel	14 00	
John Sanborn, police	25 00	
J. L. Moore, horse hire and cash paid,	71 25	
		$3,413,43

Breaking Roads, 1872--3.

Dist. No. 1	$109 70
2	54 30
3	157 18
4	53 87
5	158 40
6	107 80
7	81 46
8	145 72
9	90 61
10	38 92
11	33 75
12	65 51
13	69 03
14	36 27
15	47 78
16	50 09
17	97 66
18	68 66
19	98 58
20	53 06
21	120 01
22	149 49
23	166 57
24	39 04
25	180 35
26	146 14
27	35 11

Dist. No.	28	172 39	
	29	94 83	
	30	113 00	
	31	98 02	
	32	32 55	
	33	38 35	
	34	19 45	
	35	81 49	
			$3,105 14

Highway Tax Expended in Summer of 1873.

Dist. No.	1	$555 10
	2	385 05
	3	498 10
	4	47 20
	5	75 58
	6	46 39
	7	36 33
	8	87 93
	9	93 76
	10	23 85
	11	34 50
	12	37 45
	13	48 73
	14	11 40
	15	74 58
	16	49 66
	17	43 80
	18	44 00
	19	48 25
	20	203 92
	21	98 70
	22	70 12
	23	62 12
	24	10 40
	25	102 68
	26	65 65
	27	
	28	44 25
	29	21 40
	30	47 90

Dist. No. 31	$23 00	
32	175 00	
33	392 62	
34	19 35	
35	611 70	
Amount of bills 1872	9 70	
		$4,200 17

Recapitulation.

Dr.

Cash in Treasury March 1st. 1873	$6432 65	
Collectors' Lists for 1873	27444 95	
Bonds on Deposit March 1, 1873	23300 00	
Interest on Bonds from State	1110 00	
Received on notes	12051 90	
Received from all other sources	11637 27	
		$81,976 77

Cr.

State and County taxes	$8405 21	
School Orders	3322 68	
Treasurer Minist. and Lit fund	81 66	
George Sleeper, Overseer of the Poor	516 66	
School House taxes	250 00	
On notes	22928 32	
Special school tax Dist. No. 4	500 00	
State bonds on deposit to cr. of town	17500 00	
Bonds sold from deposit of March 1, 1873	5800 00	
Highways and Bridges	1783 68	
Town Officers' bills	967 40	
Miscellaneous bills	3413 43	
Soldiers bills	1437 00	
Breaking roads	3105 14	
Summer tax on roads. 1873	4200 17	
Abatements on Coll's books, 1873	330 18	
In Collectors' hands, 1873	2947 95	
In Treasury March 1st, 1874	4487 35	
		$81,976 77

Liabilities.

Amount due on notes		$73,224 89

Assets.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1874		$4487 35	
Bonds in Treasury March 1. 1874		17500 00	
James L. Dixon, Collector	1873	418 79	
Isaac Morrill "	1873	1098 70	
James M. Ward "	1873	1430 46	
R. H. Sanborn "	1872	70 00	
Benjamin Wadley "	1871	46 00	
Henry H. Sleeper "	1868	277 59	
Thomas E. Hunt "	1868	227 76	
Henry H. Sleeper "	1867	281 15	
Enoch Flanders "	1863	22 59	
H. Jewett "	1861	33 36	
Collectors 1843, -44, and -54		13 98	
			$25,907 73
Liabilities over assets			$47,317 16

STEPHEN S. AYER, *Treasurer.*

JONATHAN L. MOORE,
ARTHUR TUCKER,
M. V. B. EATON, } *Selectmen of Gilford.*

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Gilford, Feb. 28th, 1874.

DANIEL A. TILTON,
JOHN J. MORRILL,
NELSON RICHARDSON, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

The Overseer of the Poor charges himself as follows:

Received of the County	$372 27	
Town of Barnstead	63 00	
Town of Lebanon	32 50	
Town of New Hampton	10 50	
Town of Moultonborough	9 04	$487 31
Received for articles sold from the Farm—		
of Munsey & Eaton	$6 62	
Sleeper & Smart	39 92	
C. W. Pickering & Co. for one pair oxen	240 00	
George H. Gilman for one heifer	30 00	
I. B. Glidden for board of school teacher	20 00	
The County for board of H. Merrill	6 00	
M. V. B. Eaton, for beans	1 75	
J. G. Hatch, for one pair of cattle	160 00	
J. G. Hatch, for wood &c	152 60	$656 89

The Overseer of the Poor credits himself as follows:

Support of Poor on Farm.

Paid J. G. Hatch for services on the Farm	$275 00	
J. P. Leavitt, for cattle	165 00	
J. Smith, for sled	6 00	
Munsey & Eaton, for goods	22 60	
T. Ames, for pasturing	11 00	
J. B. Glidden, for cattle	160 00	
M. Ames, for pasturing and wheat	7 38	
J. M. Blaisdell, for smith work	4 11	
F. Wadley, " "	3 25	
Will. Blaisdell, " "	1 12	
J. H. Tilton & Co. for phosphate	6 00	
Sleeper & Smart, for goods	96 53	
W. L. Thompson, for shoe work	7 75	
D. H. Munsey, "	75	
M. V. B. Eaton, for goods	25 05	
J. G. Hatch, for supplies on farm	19 12	
J. G. Hatch, for cash paid	2 50	$813 16

For Support of Poor off the Farm.

Paid C. W. Pickering & Co. aid to H. Merrill	$16 42
Sleeper & Smart, aid to E. Willey.....	12 42
Sleeper & Smart, supplies for L. B. Thompson.....	17 85
J. C. Moore, medical aid to Mrs. L B. Thompson.....	18 75
T. Durrill, aid to Mrs. Abagail Bryar..	13 90
Sleeper & Smart, aid to E Willey.....	5 15
J. F. H. Watson, board and care of H. Merron.....	47 32
J. H. Tilton & Co., for supplies to Mary Bushno.....	41 96
J. H. Tilton & Co. supplies to B. Brake	22 22
" " " Laurane Whaland	35 51
" " " Mary Lavundre..	28 52
" " " Mrs. John Staples	21 51
C. E. Moulton, support of J. D. Moulton	80 00
Sleeper & Smart, aid to John Fosket....	15 21
C. B. Watson ½ cord wood to L. Whaland	3 50
Henry Davis, support of John Bean.....	75 00
Dr. Moore, med. aid to Mrs John Fosket	10 00
D. B Story, board of transient poor....	6 50
Mrs. Fogg, " " "	75
J. L. Moore, aid to " "	6 79
Sleeper & Smart, cash paid out "	5 46
J. F. Leavitt, " " "	4 00
E. Brown, supplies for transient poor....	4 24
J. P. Leavitt, support of Daniel Leavitt	25 00
Dr. Lindsay, med aid to Hall family...	32 50
" " " " Miss Biso...	15 00
Dr. Foster, med. aid to Mrs. J. A. Davis	56 00
Dr Moore, med. aid to Lizy Buchanon..	17 00
M. Condon, care of " "	18 00
J. H. Tilton & Co. aid to Joseph Biso...	2 00
John H. Tilton, aid to John Biso.....	32 50
Pitman & Tilton, aid to Jos. & John Biso	7 75
D. F. Ladd, coffin for Mrs. Biso.....	6 00
Sleeper & Smart, wood for Mrs. Connor.	3 50
Geo. Sleeper " " " "	7 00

Paid Geo. F. Mallard, aid H. Wilkinson in '70	2 50	
S. W. Sanders, wood for Mrs. Staples...	7 25	
G Cook, " " "	2 00	
Dr. Weeks, med. aid " "	10 00	
J. H. Tilton & Co., " "	10 67	
" " wood Mrs. J. A. Davis	7 00	
C. D. Robie, shoes for Emma Lamprey..	2 00	
Sleeper & Smart, goods to " "	4 49	
Weeks Bros. " " "	2 10	
J. L. Odell, aid to Mrs. King.....		38–$763 62

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid George L. Mead, to copy of records....	50	
F. W. A Robie, " " "	1 25	
George Sleeper, for services.....	47 45	
" " " use of team.....	21 50	
" " " cash paid out.....	13 38	—$84 08

Recapitulation.

Paid for support of poor on the farm.....	$813 16	
Cash received from the farm.....	656 89	-$156 27
Paid for support of the poor off the Farm....	$763 62	
Received of the County and Town.....	487 31	--$276 31
Miscellaneous bil's.....		84 08
Received of Treasurer as needed.....		$516 66

Gilford, March 1st, 1874.

GEO. SLEEPER,
Overseer of the Poor and Poor Farm.

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts of the Overseer of the Poor, find them correctly cast and properly vouched,

DANIEL A. TILTON,
JOHN J. MORRILL,
NELSON RICHARDSON. } *Auditors.*

Inventory of the Town Farm.

1 Yoke Oxen	$175 00	
1 Yoke Steers	100 00	
3 Cows	150 00	
1 Yearling Bull	20 00	
1 Shoat	15 00	
21 Hens	11 00	
14½ Tons Hay	216 00	
55 Bushels Corn	63 25	
3 Bushels Wheat	6 00	
3 Bushels Oats	1 80	
2½ Bushels Beans	8 75	
36 lbs. Lard	5 00	
20 lbs. Butter	7 00	
6 lbs. Candles	1 00	
500lbs. Pork	50 00	
1 box Salt	50	
1 bbl. Flour	12 00	
1 bbl. Soap	5 00	
50 gal. Vinegar	15 00	
1 bush. Meal	1 00	
115 bush. Potatoes	57 50	
1½ gal. Molasses	90	
1 Wagon	25 00	
Farming Tools	100 00	
Household Furniture	150 00	1196 70

Age of Paupers—Mark Small, 34 yrs. Mrs. J. G. Bean, 46y.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee, in making his report, would, first of all, extend his thanks to the citizens of the town, the teachers who have been employed, and the prudential committees who have employed them, for the hearty cooperation, in most cases, in his plans and efforts during the year. Notwithstanding there is imperfection in all human plans he has endeavored to keep in view the highest interests of all concerned; and, though human judgments differ, he expresses the hope that it may appear that the interests of common schools have been subserved during his term of office.

There are some excellencies and some defects in the schools of Gilford. The design of a committee's report is more to show the defects than to point out the excellencies; though to do the latter may awaken a laudable ambition to do still better. With this design he considers it highly proper to mention the defects in our schools that his successor may have, so to speak, "a better start" in the work of another year; for, if the judgment of the latter be based upon the flatteries of a previous committee, the defects may be allowed to remain.

1st. The first defect, then, which he would mention, is that which causes most other defects, viz: A lack of general interest. A diminution of taxes is not always for the highest good of a district or town, but to make the schools of a town what they should be raises the valuation of taxable property. Therefore it is characteristic of a good citizen to use his resources freely, even though he himself may have no children, to improve the schools of his own district and other districts in the town.

2d. The employment of inferior teachers. This remark is not intended to make an invidious comparison. This defect is partly owing to the examining committee. It is a rare thing to refuse a certificate; and yet more than one half the teachers in town were unable to answer, in a written examination, 50 per cent. of sixty questions used in graduating schools from the Grammar to the High School in one of the cities of New Hampshire. It is believed it would be for the interests our schools if more certificates should be refused. Teachers would soon learn to prepare themselves for their work; and citizens would soon learn that it would be for their interest to raise a special tax, if necessary, to secure first class teachers.

3d. Want of cooperation with teachers. In nine cases out of ten where there there are difficulties they might be overcome if parents would listen less to what their children say, and quietly consult the teacher.

4th. Parents do not visit the schools. If they entrust their cattle or sheep to the care of another man they go to look after them now and then; but they give up their children to the care of others and seem to have no further interest in them. Parents, the teacher that does not wish to see you in the school room is the one that needs to be looked after; and that teacher that wishes to see you needs encouragement by your occasional visits.

5th. Most districts are deficient in helps for teaching. Not one school in town has reported a full supply of school furniture. Each school should be furnished with blackboards, globes, maps and other things for convenience in teaching. Parents should interest themselves in this matter, and not "starve the mind to feed the body."

6th. Lack of uniformity in text books. This is a greater evil than appears to a casual observer. It necessitates an increase of the number of classes. It confuses the minds of scholars. While it would seem to decrease the expense of books it often increases it. It perplexes the committee, and annoys the teacher. There were found in our schools four different series ot readers. It was thought best to banish them all and introduce a uniform series. The committee has received but $20.00, as commission from the publishers, for his time and trouble in making a thorough introduction. It is hoped that his successor may keep out of the schools all other readers, and aim at uniformity in other text books; and, in order that he may know what is the standard, a list accompanies this report. Parents will be benefitted also by consulting the list. It is desirable that the "Vocal and Physical Training" in connection with the readers may be continued, that scholars may become interested in the *elements* of reading.

It will be seen the expense of superintending has been a little greater than appears in former town reports. There has usually been, however, an additional bill that will not this time be added to the expense of the town.

The interests of our schools demand that prudential committees be more and more particular about employing the best teach-

ers, and not say, as is too often the case, "Our school is small, she will do." In the language of the last report, "Our schools now demand something more than barely clearing the law."

District No. 1. [Intervale.] Prudential committee, B. M. Barron and G. W. Sanders. This school was taught by Julia A. Eaton. More attention should be given to Geography. Some annoyance was experienced by the teacher from the habits of boys; but she sustained herself well, and was generally liked.

District No. 2. [Carr's.] Prudential committee, Isaac B. Glidden. Teacher, Ida M. Hatch. There should be some measures taken to locate this school house in a sunny valley rather than on a windy hill. The school closed abruptly on account of cold weather, and was not visited at the close, but it was judged the teacher succeeded well.

District No. 3. [Mooney's.] Prudential committee, Levi Grant. The first term was taught by Emma A. Goss. Her self-possession indicates a useful and successful teacher. The second term was taught by Charles A. George, a young teacher who will improve by cultivating energy. This school would have been improved if scholars had taken more primary text books, especially readers. It would be difficult for a teacher, however good, to make infants understand Algebra.

District No. 4. [Laconia.] Prudential committe, H. L. Melcher, N. L. True and J. O. Sanborn. The schools in this district are slowly approaching the graded system, and all, parents as well as committees, should aid in the work. It is believed the schools would be improved by some plan of more constant and uniform supervision. The discipline would be improved, and the studies advanced.

The Primary department was under the instruction throughout the year of Mary P. Smith who had taught it the previous year. The last term witnessed an improvement in order, and the teacher's faithful labors were rewarded with success. The visits of the committee during the term assured him that her labors were not in vain. Twelve were graduated to the Intermediate department.

The Intermediate school was made the care, during the first term, of Alice B. Parker, who succeeded, in her usually quiet way, in making almost a model school. Students and parents, with some regrets, but with many good wishes, submitted to her

entering other and pleasanter relations. The second term was taught by Celia H. Marsh; because of her poor health the school did not maintain its previous reputation for good order. The third term was began by Mrs. E. C. Cram who remained but a short time, because of sickness. The term was completed by Alice Woodman. Much effort was necessary, after so many irregularities, to bring the school into a good condition again; but Miss W. did as well as could be expected. There is great evil in too frequent change of teachers.

The Grammar school had, during the first term, an experienced teacher, Miss M. W. Haley, who improved this department very much by good discipline and faithful instruction. The second and third terms were under the thorough instruction of Miss S. L. Merrill. The order of the last term was somewhat interrupted by a portion of the school being a part of the time connected with the High school, yet the school appeared well, and Miss M. proved herself to be one of the best teachers in town.

Miss Mary E. Rowe taught the High school during the first term. Her well-known reputation was well sustained through this term. The second term was taught by Rev. S. C. Kimball who brought to the work a long experience and a faithful perseverance. The term was a profitable one to the scholars. The third term was under the care of Mr. C. C. Littlefield. The school failed to a great extent in instruction because of disorder. A longer experience will convince the teacher that a school is comparatively worthless without good discipline, even though it be called a "High School."

District No. 5. [Thyng's.] Prudential committee, Levi Gove. Both terms were taught by Alice J. Gilman. The school appeared well, though it lacked somewhat in energy.

District No. 6. [Pond.] Prudential committee, Alvah B. Dockham. Teacher, both terms, Sarah L. Glines. The school would have succeeded better if the teacher had felt a little more at home in the school room, and if she had been better sustained by the parents.

District No. 7. [White Oaks.] Prudential committee, S. S. Ayer. As the first term was given to a teacher to whom the committee refused a certificate the latter felt no responsibility in visiting the school and under no obligation to report. The sec-

ond term was successfully taught by Emma J. Lane, a young lady who gives evidence of becoming a superior teacher.

District No. 8. [Gilford Village.] Prudentiel committee, F. M. Gilman. Miss Annie A. Gilman, a superior teacher, especially of young scholars, was in this school both terms. The high moral character of the school aided the teacher and prospered the term in every respect.

District No. 9. [Under the Mountain.] Prudential committee, W. H. H. Weeks. Mintie J. Potter was the teacher of the first term,—a young teacher, not quite enough at home in the school room to be fully successful. The second term was taught by Miss E. D. Sanborn. Though the committee was not present at the close, yet previous visits convinced him that the school was under a most thorough and competent instructress. We should have more such energy in our schools.

District No. 10. [Liberty Hill.] Prudential committee, Mark P. Thompson. Teacher of the first term, M. Anna James. This term was not so successful as it would have been had the teacher insisted on better order. She however gave fair instruction. The second term was successful under the instruction of John Rankin. The school is unfortunate in not being well classified.

District No. 11. [Back of the Mountain.] Prudential committee. Stephen Davis. The school in this district was began and continued till near the closing week by Luther C. Sawyer, who doubtless was at fault in some respects; but his faults might have been cured if the parents had not encouraged insubordination among the scholars. Mr. Sawyer resigned and the term was completed by Miss L. F. Bersen. If parents wish the value of their money they should sustain the teacher rather than encourage disobedience among scholars.

District No. 12. [Morrill's.] Prudential committee, C. H. Sieeper. Teacher of both terms Sadie R. Hibbard. The order was good and the instruction thorough. Miss H. is destined to be a useful teacher.

District No. 13. [Lake Village.] Prudential committee, H. F. Rublee. The Primary department has been under the faithful instruction during the year of Mary A. Dicy, the successful teacher of the two preceding years. The order of the school was excellent, and the instruction most interesting and

profitable. Too much cannot be said in praise of such elementary drill in our primary schools. A little, well learned, is better than much superficial knowledge.

The first term of the Grammar school was taught by Miss S. J. Morrill. There was commendable progress, especially in reading. The second and third terms were taught by Mrs. E. J. Huckins who is a thorough teacher. The school room was a place of mental drill as was evinced by the thorough analysis given by the class in Colburn's Arithmetic. The more such teachers in our schools the better for the town. Weekly exercises in Vocal Music have been given to both schools during the term. The money was well expended.

District No. 14. [Dame's.] Prudential committee, Levi D. Sawyer. Teacher, Albert H. Hunter, a young teacher. If his health would have admitted, a little more energy would have been desirable; yet, with commendable perseverence, he brought the school to a successful close.

There have been several tuition schools during the year which have added to our educational interests.

LIST OF STANDARD TEXT BOOKS.

Reading, . .	Monroe's 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th.
Vocal Culture, .	Monroe's.
Spelling, . ,	Town's Progressive.
Writing, . .	Payson, Dunton & Scribner's.
Drawing, . .	Bartholomew's.
Music, . . .	Mason's.
Arithmetic, .	Greenleaf's and Colburn's.
Geography, .	Cornell's.
Grammar, . .	Quackenboss'.
History, . .	Swinton's.
Physiology, .	Jarvis's.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gilford, Feb. 28, 1874.

SUMMER TERM.

Districts.	Names of Teachers.	Wages per Month, board included.	Weeks of Term.	Number of Scholars.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. between 4 and 14 not in school.
3	Emma A Goss,	$22	6	15	10	5		2
4	Mary P. Smith,	32	10	79	45			
	Alice B. Parker,	36	10	52	52	46		
	M. W. Haley,	40	10	48	48	48	43	
	Mary E. Rowe,	30	10	30	30		14	
5	Alice J. Gilman,	25	6	14	9	7	3	
6	Sarah L. Glines,	21	6	8	7	4		1
8	Annie A. Gilman,	34	8	34	25	16	7	2
9	Mintia J. Potter,	18	5	9	7	3	4	3
10	M. Anna James,	25	8	18	17	10	6	2
12	Sadie R. Hibbard,	22	6	13	7	6		
13	Mary A. Dicey,	40	10	70	40	29		
	S. J. Morrill,	40	10	44	44	34	10	

FALL TERM.

1	Julia A. Eaton,	28	14	18	15	6	10	
2	Ida M. Hatch,	22	10	12	9	3	2	1
3	Charles A George.	30	6	15	11	3		1
4	Mary P. Smith,	34	10	60	30	13		
	Celia H. Marsh,	40	10	51	48	36		
	S. L. Morrill,	42	10	44	44	44	44	
	S. C. Kimball,	80	10	32	28		27	
5	Alice J. Gilman.	24	13	14	9	6	3	
6	Sarah L. Glines,	23	10	9	7	4	1	1
7	Emma J. Lane,	21	11	15	12	7	4	
8	Annie A. Gilman,	34	10	37	23	14	15	2
9	E. D. Sanborn,	34	11	10	8	6	4	
11	Luther C. Sawyer,	28	8	11	10	3	3	
	L. F. Benson,	4	3	8	7	3	2	
13	Mary A, Dicey,	40	10	50	43	27		
	E. J. Huckins,	40	11	40	40	31	10	
14	Albert H. Hunter,	28	10½	8	8	3	1	1

WINTER TERM.

4	Mary P. Smith,	32	10	48	25	13		
	Alice Woodman,	32	10	54	54	52		
	S. L. Merrill,	42	11	47	47	47	47	27
	C. C. Littlefield,	66	11	25	19	7	3	
10	John Rankin,		8	19	18	7	15	
13	Mary A. Dicey,	40	10	57	35	24		
	E. J. Huckins,	40	10	49	49	33	15	15